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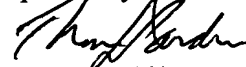
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In the method of manufacturing a slider of a thin-film magnetic head of the invention, the portion to be the slider main body may include: a substrate portion that has a surface facing toward the recording medium and makes a base of the thin-film magnetic head element; and an insulating portion that has a surface facing toward the recording medium and surrounds the thin-film magnetic head element. The surface of the insulating portion facing toward the recording medium may be located farther from the recording medium than a part of the surface of the substrate portion facing toward the recording medium is, the part being adjacent to the surface of the insulating portion facing toward the recording medium. In this case, a significant reduction in magnetic space is achieved by putting a portion of the first part of the medium facing surface, the portion belonging to the substrate portion, into contact with the surface of the recording medium.

REMARKS

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii)).

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